

Subject: Appraisal of estate's coin collection

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# THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PRINCETON

UNITED STATES, STATE AND CITY DEPOSITORY

PRINCETON, N.J.

TRUST DEPARTMENT

February 3, 1937

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator  
American Numismatic Society  
156th Street and Broadway  
New York City

Dear Sir:

As executor of an estate we have  
a small collection of stamps and coins to  
be appraised.

Mr. Farran Zerbe, Curator of the  
Chase National Bank Collection of Moneys  
of the World, advises us that you have  
a thorough knowledge of both stamps and  
coins and we are writing to ask your fee  
for appraisal services.

We presume the best procedure  
would be to have one of your representatives  
call with a view toward estimating the size  
and importance of the "collections" before  
naming a figure for the official appraisalment.

Kindly let us know your practice  
in such matters; any information will be  
greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

*Paul S. Smith*  
Paul S. Smith  
Trust Officer

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February 5, 1937

Mr. Paul S. Smith,  
The First National Bank,  
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Sir:

The Society itself does not make appraisals. I personally appraise coins but on account of pressure of work would not go out of town nor make any trip to do so. They would have to be brought or sent to this office.

I do not consider myself an authority on stamps although I do know something about them.

The charges vary, generally based on about 5% of the value.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks